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The amendment filed on November 9, 2005, amending the claims such that all pending claims are now drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because in the paper filed December 21, 2001, applicant explicitly elected for prosecution, without traverse, processes of preserving mucosa tissue. See Response of December 21, 2001, page 2. Because applicant now amends the claims to recite processes specifically non-elected in the response of December 21, 2001, the present amendment is non-responsive.

Specifically, the restriction requirement of October 25, 2001, required an election between methods of preserving mucosa tissue (group IV, claims 21-27) and various methods of preparing hydrolysates from mucosa tissue (groups I-III). As noted above, on December 21, 2001, applicant explicitly elected for prosecution, without traverse, processes of preserving mucosa tissue (group IV). The present amendment, filed November 9, 2005, clearly amends all of the pending claims to recite precisely the subject matter non-elected by applicant, without traverse, in the response filed December 21, 2001. This is clearly non-responsive to the last office action.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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